

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification is attached, along with a marked-up copy of the original specification.

Please replace the originally-filed Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten Abstract:

--~~The inventive~~ A locking device (1) is fixed to a nut (4) and ~~comprises~~ includes a coupling unit (42) insertable into a hexagonal configuration (11) of a spigot end (2) at a reduced axial distance being coupled by mutually interpenetratable gears (49, 51) with a stop unit (38) which axially sliding in a body (18) oppositely to a compression spring (36). The gears (49, 51) are symmetric and are insertable into each other with a predetermined elastic resistance by the action of compression or loosening torque. The ~~inventive~~ device is embodied in one piece which is mounted by assembling with the nut without effecting the spigot ends (2, 3). ~~Said invention~~ The device is used for locking a coupling in a systematic manner and makes it possible to unlock it without any preliminary voluntary operation.--